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In re Application of
Nickolai Alexandrov et al
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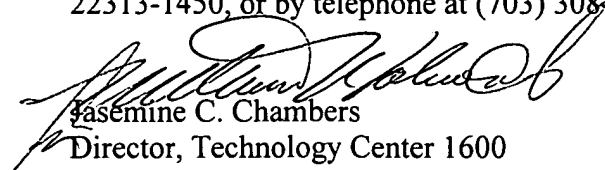
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed February 3, 2003, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above identified application.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts of Application to applicants on February 1, 2001, noting that the application lacked an oath or declaration and a sequence compliance disk. A two month time period for reply was set. Applicants filed a reply on June 8, 2001, which was received and placed in the file. The disk was forwarded to STIC, but found not to comply with sequence rules. On September 19, 2001, a Notice of Incomplete Reply was mailed to applicants indicating that a proper sequence disk had not been filed and that the time for reply remained a set in the previous Notice (that time period having already expired). The Notice of Incomplete Reply which was mailed was mailed in error. The correct Notice should have been a Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules accompanied by an error report. A time period of one month should have been set for reply, the time period being extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a). At some point in time the application was placed in an abandoned status. Applicants have supplied an acceptable sequence disk in a timely manner (prior to November 20, 2001) in response to the Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules. In view of the evidence presented, the Abandonment was in error and is withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The abandoned application will be forwarded for examination

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